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THE FABLE OF
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The early worm runs the risk of becoming a bird's breakfast or a fisherman's bait. This morning Farmer Al. Falfa intends to go fishing. He attempts to lure worms from their subterranean apartments by playing the latest "blues" on his flute. Nearby, an enterprising bird is also seeking worms. The feathered fellow yanks them out of the ground rapid-fire and soon fills a can with the crawlers. Tom Cat steals up and purloins the bird's bait. He brings the can over to Old Al. He grabs it and kicks poor Tom against a tree trunk. Then Al. Falfa starts out to do the Ike Walton act. His faithful Cat follows him and Al orders him to go back. On reaching the wharf, Al quickly embarks in a rowboat. Tom has not heeded his owner's orders and dives off the wharf and swims to the boat. He splashes Al. with streams of water. Every time, Al gets a fish on his line, Tom pulls it off, until the old fellow hits him a heavy blow. Stunned, Tom sinks to the bottom of the sea, where he quickly revives. The Cat sees Oscar Octopus conducting a one-man restaurant by the aid of his eight legs. Tom buys a bottle of the "good old stuff" and ties it to Al's fishing line. Tom yanks the line several times to give Al an idea of a big catch and the Farmer pulls in his line with vigor and velocity. Al. loses no time in pulling out the cork and draining the contents of the bottle. Soon he begins to "see things". Fish fly about him with reckless abandon. The waves grow rough and rise and fall with great rapidity. Like a mere shell, Al's rowboat is tossed about by the angry sea. Then the waves turn into a monster demon, which causes Al to leap overboard in fright. The monster swims after him and the chase even scares the flapper mermaids out promenading with their water spaniels. Just as the demon bites at Al the Farmer awakens from his delusion and finds his faithful Cat licking his face. Al. is mighty glad to see his cat again. Thus, Tom's skillful maneuvers overcome his enemy of the morning and he is a conqueror without striking a blow.

From this fable we learn the moral: "The Greatest Conqueror Overcomes His Enemy Without A Blow."

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